

The special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday May 3, 2011 in the City Council Chambers. Alderman Israel called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Present on roll call: Aldermen Israel and Pfeiffer
Aldermen Arnett and Kirby, Alderwoman Finlayson

Staff: City Manager Mallinoff, Finance Director Miller, Public Works Director Jarrell, Grants Coordinator Farrow.

James LoBosco, Loews Annapolis Hotel, Michael Radike, Historic Inns of Annapolis, and Lesley Pattison, O'Callaghan Hotel, spoke in opposition to raising the water rates and discussed the impact on their businesses. Mr. LoBosco suggested delaying and/or bifurcating the increases.

Mr. Jarrell discussed comparability of rates to surrounding communities.

Alderman Arnett offered a presentation on the budget. (Attached). Alderman Arnett offered a spreadsheet on reassessments. (Attached)

There was general discussion on the upcoming changes in assessments.

Mr. Miller discussed the city's tax policy, addressing issues of the tax rate.

There was general discussion of the ratio of employee cost to the city's total budget. There was general discussion of the cost of privatizing solid waste pickup, the costs of the water treatment plant.

Mr. Donovan discussed the draft Budget report. There was general discussion of procedure going forward.

There was general discussion in moving the MBE Coordinator in to the Office of the Mayor from finance.

There was general discussion on the Economic Development Budget. Mr. Miller discussed the items in that budget that do not go directly to the AEDC but rather to City Economic Development projects (including Main Street and the Arts district).

There was general discussion of Community Grant allocation procedure. Ms. Farrow offered a presentation on the community grants along with an allocation suggestion based on the application point system.

There was general discussion of the future of the Community Grants Program.

The committee reviewed the draft report recommendations.

There was discussion of the provision in the budget moving contract funds from law office to HR.

- **Alderman Israel moved to recommend restoring the 45,000 in contract services funds back to the law office. Seconded. CARRIED on a voice vote. Roll Call: Ald. Israel Yes, Alderwoman Hoyle, No Alderman Pfeiffer, Yes**

There was discussion of two proposed enhancements. Discussion was postponed.

The committee discussed moving the MBE coordinator in to the Office of the Mayor

- **Alderwoman Hoyle moved to support the recommendation to move the MBE coordinator in to the Office of the Mayor. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.**

There was general discussion of attaching the Pay Plan to the budget.

There was discussion of a proposed enhancement relating to drug screening.

There was discussion of enhancements requested by the APD.

There was general discussion on the unallocated expenses.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Hilary Roggio Raftovich
Standing Committee Clerk